

SEPTEMBER 2009

MOUNDS STATE PARK

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DNR website: www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS - Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.

All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. PROGRAM LOCATIONS: VC–Visitor Center VCP–Visitor Center Porch CG – Campground. The public is encouraged to attend **Campground** programs; Park at **Campground Entrance** and walk up.

HP/HP – Healthy Parks, Healthy People. These programs highlight our quest for a healthy forest with healthy wildlife; and/or promote a healthy lifestyle through walking and hiking.

LEAF COLLECTING HIKE SERIES

It's leaf collection time once again at Mounds State Park! We are glad to offer tree hikes to help students, scouts, and anyone else wanting to learn about Indiana trees.

During the hike you will learn how to identify the trees not only from simple and compound leaves, but also from bark. You will also hear folklore about the tree and how the wood has been used in the past and how it's used today. Participants can expect to collect 20 different leaves.

Tree Hike Dates

All hikes meet at the Visitor Center and start promptly at:

2:30pm SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:00am SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

2:30pm SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00am SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

2:30pm SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11



It is only during these hikes that a park employee will help students find some, but not ALL, of the leaves. These collections are to be a learning experience, so the student must be doing most of the work. **If your teacher has given you a tree list, make sure to bring it! Also bring along some method of collecting and labeling your leaves – baggies, a large note pad or old phonebook for flattening, pen or marker, etc.**



SEPTEMBER BIRD HIKE SERIES



Back by popular demand, avid birder, Jeff Brailey, will lead an easy hike every Thursday evening in September with new and interesting topics on birds. Bring your binoculars if you have them, but we'll have a few to borrow too. All experience levels of birders welcome.

EACH THURSDAY AT 6:30pm MEET AT THE VISITOR CENTER PORCH

September 3rd

September 10th

September 17th

September 24th



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:30pm – BIRD HIKE meets at the Visitor Center Porch.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY WEEKEND

11:00am - MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS - Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn about who, how, and why the Mounds were built. **VCP**

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

2:30pm- TREE ID HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

4:00pm-ROVING NATURALIST-When the naturalist wanders to your campsite, you can find out what neat thing she is carrying with her! **CG**

7:30pm-CRAZY FOR CORNHOLE – Join us for this fun campground sport. Prizes awarded in different age categories. **Meet behind the Campground Showers.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 LABOR DAY WEEKEND

1:00pm-SKINS, SKULLS, & SCAT – Wildlife identification can be fun and easy if you look for the clues. **VC**

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

7:30pm-OH DEER!- Discover Indiana's white tailed, antlered forest mammal. Join us on this early dusk hike and we'll play some games along the way. **Meet at the Campground Showers.**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 LABOR DAY

11:00am-CRITTER FEEDING- Before you gobble down your lunch, help the naturalist feed the nature center animals. **VC**

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

2:00pm-LEAF RUBBINGS – Grab a leaf before they all fall from the trees and make a fun rubbing on paper. Fold them together in an origami kind-of-way and you'll make a great leaf identification booklet for yourself. **VCP**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30pm – BIRD HIKE meets at the Visitor Center Porch.

7:00pm – FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK – Join us for the Friends meeting to discuss new projects and ways to support the park. Refreshments served. **VC**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:00am-3:00pm – PIONEER EVENTS (see activities below)

11:00am-4:00pm – ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS (see activities below)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00am – PIONEER CHURCH SERVICE – Ever wonder what an 1800's church sermon sounded like? Join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service. Some bench seating is available, but bring a lawnchair or blanket if you have it. **Visitor Center Amphitheater.**

11:00am-4:00pm – ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS (see activities at right)

2:00pm-"ANCIENT ARTISTRY" POTTERY WORKSHOP – Discover the building and decorative techniques of the prehistoric Native American cultures. Make your own clay vessel to take home. \$3 workshop fee. Call ahead to reserve a spot (765) 649-8128.

Archaeology & Pioneer Weekend

We've combined events - discover historic and pre-historic archaeology at Mounds State Park and see what story it reveals!

September 12
Pioneer Events
11:00a to 3:00p

September 12 & 13
Archaeology Events
11:00a to 4:00p

September 13 10:00am Pioneer Church Service





- **Artifact Identification by archaeologist, Jim Mohow**
- **Ball State Archaeologist-led Hikes**
- **Public Archaeology Dig and Kids Dig**
- **Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)**
- **Cave Art & Petroglyph Painting**
- **Hands-on Activities**
- **Pottery Workshop (pre-registration recommended)**
- **Historic and Pre-historic Artifacts on Display**
- **Upper Wabash Archaeological Society**
- **Atlatl Demonstration / Throwing**
- **Pioneer Foods: ham-n-beans, cornbread, popcorn, icecream, and more!**
- **Pioneer Games and Crafts**
- **Historic Bronnenberg House Open**
- **Pioneer Church Service Sunday Morning (10am)**



PIONEER EVENTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK
PIONEER EVENTS ARE ON SEPT 12TH ONLY & THE CHURCH SERVICE SEPT 13TH
CALL THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER AT (765) 649-8128 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Workshops have an activity fee of 50¢ to \$3. All other activities are free and open to the public after paying the gate fee of \$5/car (in-state.) Pioneer foods such as ham-n-beans, cornbread, popcorn, and more will be available for sampling and donations are greatly appreciated.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:30pm – BIRD HIKE meets at the Visitor Center Porch.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:00am - TREE ID HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

2:30pm – SNAPPERS and SOFTSHELLS– Calling all cold-blooded critters (you warm-bloods can come too!) Join us for this live animal turtle talk and get really up-close and personal. **VC**

7:30pm – PRIMITIVE FIRE MAKING – Let us show you some ancient techniques to help you get that campfire going. Then you'll give it a try to see who can start our campfire for free s'mores! **Campsite #3**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

2:00pm-ANIMAL ORIGAMI – Get your fingers ready to fold some paper into fun animal shapes. **VC**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30pm – BIRD HIKE meets at the Visitor Center Porch.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

JOIN US AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK

FOR THE HOOSIER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE September 26TH & 27TH from 9am-6pm.

Visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm> for more information about this great event!



1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:30am – WOOLY BEARS – You know it's fall when you see that wonderful wooly caterpillar crawling across the road. Did you know they can predict the severity of winter? Make your very own wooly bear to take home with you. **VC**

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